

REMARKS

Claims 21-25, 27-33 and 35-39 are pending in the present application. The pending claims have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 40-54. New claims 40-54 correspond, respectively, to claims 21-24, 27-32 and 50-54. These new claims have been added in order to more particularly set forth the PEG-containing compounds used in this invention and to introduce certain formatting changes. Support for the addition of B72.3- β G-PEG and H25- β G-PEG is found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 19. The remaining changes are merely for formatting purposes, and do not raise an issue of new matter. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 40-54 will be pending and under examination.

Claims 21-25, 27-33 and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner states that the present specification fails to provide a representative number of polyethylene glycol-containing compounds that encompass the recited genus of polyethylene glycol-containing compounds, while conceding the description of B72.3- β G-PEG and H25- β G-PEG in the specification.

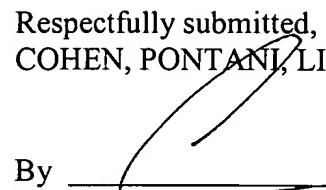
In response, but without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, applicants note that the rejected claims have been cancelled, and that new independent claims 40 and 46 provide that the polyethylene glycol-containing compound comprises B72.3- β G-PEG or H25- β G-PEG. Applicants maintain that the Examiner's rejection is therefore obviated.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, written description, be withdrawn and the claims proceed to allowance.

If any additional fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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